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AAAS CEO Rush Holt Statement on FY 2017 Appropriations

"We commend Congress and the White House for working together to prevent a government shutdown and finalizing appropriations for fiscal year 2017. Our nation's research enterprise is among the most powerful engines for American prosperity, and investment in U.S. research agencies is critical to encouraging innovation and economic growth.

"A consistent area of bipartisan agreement for 70 years has been the importance of the federal government's role in supporting research and innovation. We are pleased to see continued support for the research budgets at NIH, DOE, DOD, USDA, NASA and NOAA in the FY 2017 omnibus bill, even as other federal agency budgets remain flat or face decreases. More than 280 business, science and engineering, medical and health, and higher education organizations have urged Congress to swiftly complete the appropriations process for fiscal year 2017 and provide robust investments in scientific research." (See joint letter sent to Congressional leaders.)

-- Rush Holt, chief executive officer, American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS)

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